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Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13 and 17-28 are pending in this application. By the present Amendment, Claims 21 and 25 are amended.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13 and 17-20 are allowed.

In the telephone interview previously held between Applicants' undersigned representative and Examiner Huynh on January 30, 2003, the Examiner indicated that Claims 21-28 would be allowable if the "wherein" clause presently recited in Claim 1 were to be added to independent Claims 21 and 25. To expedite the allowance of this application, Claims 21 and 25 have been so amended to add the limitation suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, all claims in this application are now believed to stand in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13 and 17-28 are respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

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In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

Respectfully submitted,
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